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Marc-André LEFEBVRE) Group Art Unit: 2621
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Application No.: 09/991,913) Examiner: A. Johns
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Filed: November 26, 2001)
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For: METHOD OF ENABLING AN)
ANALYSIS OF AN EXTERNAL BODY)
PORTION)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)/(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

However, in case the Patent Office issues the first Office Action on the merits before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, Applicant respectfully submits that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by

Section 1.97(e). Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding Japanese application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date (i.e., November 24, 2004) of that communication.

A copy of the listed foreign patent document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached IDS Form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English document, an English language version of a search report (i.e., Notice of Rejection) from the Japanese Patent Office issued in the above-mentioned corresponding Japanese application citing the document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such a document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please
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Respectfully submitted,

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